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SUBJECT: TAIWAN TO INVESTIGATE SIGHTINGS OF POSSIBLE HIGH  
SEAS DRIFT NET VESSELS

REF: SECSTATE 216948

In response to reftel, AIT ESTOFF has discussed the issue of reported sightings of high seas drift net vessels with Taiwan Fisheries Agency Deputy Administrator James Sha. All of the key points included in reftel were provided in writing to Mr. Sha. Mr. Sha promised to investigate the matter and provide any information he finds. ESTOFF emphasized the importance of trying to provide the information prior to the upcoming North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission on 25 October 2004. Mr. Sha promised to do his best to respond before that time.  
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